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Title : STENT WITH OPTIMAL STRENGTH AND

RADIOPACITY CHARACTERISTICS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop NO FEE Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated 7 November 2006, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.